

# Textbook Affordability Subcommittee Report for ASGC Meeting of 12 November 2020

## ***Update on Subcommittee Structure***

- November meeting will be focused on setting membership, goals, and responsibilities—at least the first pass at them. Will bring them back to ASGC in 10 December meeting.

## ***Promise Scholar Program/OER Federal Grant Project***

- [Open Textbook Pilot Program](#): Federal grant to expand the use of OER, especially with high-impact programs and to significantly decrease costs for students.
- Skyline is taking the lead, but the entire district is working together on this project.
- If we are awarded the grant, we'll use the money to encourage faculty to use OER in courses associated with the PSP (and elsewhere)
  - Textbook switch incentives
  - Remix/Reuse incentives
  - Creation of ancillary material incentives
- Should hear December/January if we have been awarded; it's a 36-month grant period.
- If we don't get this award, we will continue to look for other opportunities to do this work (including ASCCC)

## ***WebSchedule Descriptors/Updates***

- TAS and DEAC leadership are working with VP Robinson to make sure that courses are correctly labeled in WebSchedule.
  - Includes the descriptors, which are still not quite accurate and/or not being placed correctly
- OER/DE leadership on all 3 campuses are doing the same.
- If you are using OER materials, make sure that you notify your division assistant (to get the ZTC label on WebSchedule) and Jai Kumar (in case students ask for a print version of the text).
- If you're looking for OER:
  - Contact Sarah ([harmon@smccd.edu](mailto:harmon@smccd.edu))
  - Check out the [TAS OER Spreadsheet](#)
  - Check out Skyline's [OER Courses List](#) to see what our colleagues are using (and all have been verified for accessibility)

## ***Meetings and Newsletters***

- September-October newsletter is out; see attached.
- No October meeting.
- Next meeting is 24 November, 11am-12noon. See Sarah for the Zoom link.
  - Membership/Goals/Responsibilities
  - ISKME's latest publications on using [OER and Online Learning](#)